BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-241-C - ORDER NO. 98-60

JANUARY 29, 1998

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on two separate requests in this case.

First, the South Carolina Telephone Association (SCTA) seeks permission to take the depositions of three individual employees of the respondent VoiceMagic, i.e., Dave Swetnam, Steve Rogers, and Larry Smith, or in the alternative, seeks a designation from VoiceMagic as to what employee can provide certain requested information as outlined in the letter of request. The time and place of the proposed depositions is Tuesday, February 3, 1998 at 10 AM in the offices of McNair Law Firm, P.A., 1301 Gervais Street, 11th Floor, Columbia, South Carolina.

SCTA seeks to take the depositions, according to its written request, for the purpose of examining in detail VoiceMagic's

service offerings and the local telephone company networks and services used in those service offerings, and to seek certain other specific information.

Pursuant to our Regulation 103-852, we find the request of SCTA to take depositions in this docket to be meritorious. We believe that the information sought would be useful to the Commission in making a decision on this matter. We hereby grant the request to take the depositions under the terms and conditions outlined in the letter addressing the issue written by M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, Counsel to SCTA, to the Commission's Executive Director on January 28, 1998, which we herein incorporate by reference.

The second request is that of VoiceMagic, Inc., wherein that Company requests a three (3) day extension to prefile the testimony of one (1) of its proposed three (3) witnesses. The testimony of VoiceMagic is due on Thursday, January 29, 1998. VoiceMagic plans to file the testimony of Dave Swetnam and Steve Rogers on that date. However, VoiceMagic proposes to file the testimony of its proposed technical witness on Monday, February 2, 1998, and will hand-deliver this testimony to SCTA at the time of filing. According to counsel for VoiceMagic, the request for an extension is necessary due to the location of this proposed witness and his schedule, which has made it difficult to prepare and finalize his testimony.

We have reviewed this situation, and hereby grant VoiceMagic's request for the reasons stated therein.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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